

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND REQUESTING THE HEALTH QUALITY PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN TASKS REGARDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a leading cause of death of Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, 41% of the over 12,000 Idahoans living in nursing homes have moderate to severe dementia; and

WHEREAS, some 26,000 Idahoans will be living and dying with Alzheimer's disease in 2010; and

WHEREAS, with an aging population in Idaho, the incidence of Alzheimer's disease in this state is expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, of all the conditions that threaten the public, dementia may have the broadest impact, affecting the minds, bodies and souls of those afflicted and their primary caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Health Quality Planning Commission within the Department of Health and Welfare is encouraged to:

(1) Examine the public health impact and the financial, emotional and care burden of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on persons with Alzheimer's disease and on state government;

(2) Review state policies and practices concerning Alzheimer's disease;

(3) Assess current and expected future demand for industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease, their families and their caregivers; and

(4) Develop a state Alzheimer's disease and other dementias strategic plan with broad public and private sector input.